

Director's Meeting
November 28, 2010
Conference Call
9:00 PM

This is the Directors first attempt at a conference call. Members on line were:

Bj Madsen, VE5FX; Doris Quiring, VE5DJQ; Dave Russell, VE5DJ; Larry Davis, VE5LBD; Gordon Gwillim, VE5UJ; Marv Paulson, VE5OO; Harv Lemko, VE5AC; and Val Lemko, VE5ACJ

1. Bj, VE5FX Chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 9:10 pm. He thanked Val, VE5ACJ for setting up the conference call.
2. Val, VE5ACJ called roll, and all the above. Bob Wilks, VE5LTD was the only director missing.
3. First on the agenda was Hamfest 2011. It has been decided that SARL should have some say in which direction the Hamfests should take as we do give the hosting clubs some funds to help. BJ, VE5FX said in principle that he would like to see the following incorporated into a letter that could be sent to the hosting clubs each year.
 - a) at least one (1) activity (seminar, tutorial, fox hunt etc)
 - b) an organized activity for the XYL's
 - c) SARL, AGM, being provided a facility and time slot (which has been done in the past.

Harv, VE5AC said that he has been to the Austin, Manitoba one, and noticed that the XYL's always have a group of tables in the middle on which they sell their crafts, baking etc. Bj, VE5FX said yes, he had seen that also.

Gordon, VE5UJ said it would be nice if there were tours around the city, and understanding that some cities, don't really have that much in the way of interest to hams, but he says, Saskatoon, being the larger of most venues has great things to see.

Doris, VE5DJQ said she would encourage the Saskatoon Club to make sure that there are/is something for the XYL's at the upcoming hamfest.

Dave, VE5DJ, said that when he and his wife come, they come as a "TEAM", and that should be an idea to put out for the rest of the hams when they decide to go to a hamfest.

Bj, VE5FX said that would be a great idea. Team sounds great.

Val, VE5ACJ said that Murray, VE5MC would probably have another Dxexpedition that he would love to show, and he also has the King George School project on video with the ISS that he set up. Val said that she would send Doris the email address.

Val, VE5ACJ, also said that she wished there were more things at the hamfest, as she has lots of trophies sitting in the display case that are never used. She also mentioned that the Gus Cox Memorial Award had been used in the Moose Jaw Hamfest, in 2007. She said that Gordon, VE5UJ was the examiner who set up the Morse code tapes, and that the few that tried it had lots of fun.

All agreed that in order for the Hamfests to continue, there must be more offered than just the fleamarket.

Doris, VE5DJQ said that after last year's problems with hamfest, she really hoped that folks were not going to be discouraged about coming to future hamfest.

Harv, VE5AC suggested and then motioned that the amount of money given to the host club for the hamfest be increased from \$200.00 to \$250.00. Doris, VE5DJQ seconded the motion. Val, VE5ACJ called on each member for a yea or nay. All members voted Yea. Motion passed.

Larry, VE5LBD said that he wondered how much effort would be required to get a hamfest that really encourages hams from all over to come to Sask. He was taking examples from the states, where their big hamfests attract 4000 people. Bj, VE5FX said that would take a huge effort on part of all hams in the province, finding 1 central location, and having a 3 or 4 day event, not saying it could not be done, but would take a couple of years to plan something like that. Bj thanks Larry for this input, and said that this is something that we can all think about.

4. The next item on the agenda was the RAC by the president Geoff Baldwin, VE4BAW regarding trying to keep and or get young people into Ham Radio, is a daunting task. Bj, VE5FX said that he would write a letter to Geoff giving him SARL's support in his endeavours.

Bj, VE5FX said that one way we can reach out to young people is through the use of internet, twitter, tweeter etc which all the young people are into, and to find off shoots of other media that the young people use. We must get more out in public to push ham radio

Doris, VE5DJQ, said that last year the Saskatoon Club put up poster to the upcoming ham classes and there were not that many youths interested.

5. Last on the agenda was the question, do we want to do this every month, and should we set the date for the next meeting. Everyone was in agreement that we not have a meeting in December due to all of the other activities that are coming up. Bj, VE5FX asked Val, VE5ACJ to let the members know when the next one would be in January. Dave, VE5DJ said he is now back on shift work, but would send Val a schedule so that we don't schedule when he is at work.

6. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm